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Letter dated 5 October 2001 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The United States Permanent Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and has the honour to inform the Chairman that the following actions have been taken to implement the provisions of paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of resolution 1343 (2001), in accordance with the laws of the Untied States of America.

United States Presidential Proclamation 7359 of 10 October 2000 (see annex I) prevents the entry into the United States of those who plan, engage in or benefit from activities that support the Revolutionary United Front or that otherwise impede the peace process in Sierra Leone, and the spouses, children of any age and parents of such persons. The application of this proclamation prevents the entry into the United States of senior members of the Government of Liberia and its armed forces and their spouses and any other individuals providing financial and military support to armed rebel groups in countries neighbouring Liberia, in accordance with the terms of paragraphs 7 (a) and (b) of resolution 1343 (2001) and the lists prepared by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001).

The United States Department of State Office of Defense Controls ceased commercial export licensing of arms and related material of all types for Liberia in 1992, pursuant to Security Council resolution 788 (1992), and published a Federal Register notice to that effect on 18 December 1992. This policy of denial continues to remain in effect and is in accordance with the terms of paragraph 5 of resolution 1343 (2001).

The United States Defense Cooperation Agency is not currently and will not provide technical training or assistance for Liberians related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of arms and related material of any type, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 5 of resolution 1343 (2001).

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United States Executive Order 13213 of 23 May 2001 (see annex II) prevents the direct or indirect importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 6 of resolution 1343 (2001).

(*Signed*) John D. **Negroponte**
Ambassador

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Title 3—

The President

Proclamation 7359 of October 10, 2000

Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons Impeding the Peace Process in Sierra Leone

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In light of the longstanding political and humanitarian crisis in Sierra Leone, I have determined that it is in the interests of the United States to restrict the entry into the United States as immigrants and nonimmigrants of certain foreign nationals who plan, engage in, or benefit from activities that support the Revolutionary United Front or that otherwise impede the peace process in Sierra Leone, and the spouses, children of any age, and parents of such persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, by the power vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, hereby find that the unrestricted immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of persons described in section 1 of this proclamation would, except as provided for in section 2 or 3 of this proclamation, be detrimental to the interests of the United States. I therefore hereby proclaim that:

Section 1. The entry into the United States as immigrants and nonimmigrants of persons who plan, engage in, or benefit from activities that support the Revolutionary United Front or that otherwise impede the peace process in Sierra Leone, and the spouses, children of any age, and parents of such persons, is hereby suspended.

Sec. 2. Section 1 shall not apply with respect to any person otherwise covered by section 1 where the entry of such person would not be contrary to the interests of the United States.

Sec. 3. Persons covered by sections 1 and 2 shall be identified pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary may establish under section 5 of this proclamation.

Sec. 4. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to derogate from United States obligations under applicable international agreements.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of State shall have responsibility to implement this proclamation pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary may establish.

Sec. 6. This proclamation is effective immediately and shall remain in effect, in whole or in part, until such time as the Secretary of State determines that it is no longer necessary and should be terminated, in whole or in part. The Secretary of State's determination shall be effective upon publication of such determination in the Federal Register.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fifth.

William J. Clinton

The White House
President George W. Bush

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Executive Order

Additional Measures with Respect to Prohibiting the Importation of Rough Diamonds from Sierra Leone

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the UnitedStates of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50U.S.C.1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act(50 U.S.C.1601 et seq.), section5 of the UnitedNations Participation Act of 1945, as amended (22U.S.C.287c) (UNPA), and section301 of title3, UnitedStates Code, and in view ofthe national emergency described and declared in Executive Order13194 of January18, 2001, and United Nations Security Council Resolutions1306 of July5, 2000, and 1343 of March7, 2001,

I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the UnitedStates of America, take note that in Executive Order13194, the President responded to, among other things, the insurgent Revolutionary United Front's (RUF) illicit trade in diamonds to fund its operations in the civil war in Sierra Leone by declaring a national emergency and, consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution1306, by prohibiting the importation into theUnitedStates of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone except for those importations controlled through the Certificate of Origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone. United Nations Security Council Resolution1343 takes note that the bulk of RUFdiamonds leaves Sierra Leone through Liberia and that such illicit trade cannot be conducted without the permission and involvement of Liberian government officials at the highest levels; determines that the active support provided by the Government of Liberia for the RUF and other armed rebel groups inneighboring countries constitutes a threat to int ernational peace and security in the region; and decides that all states shall take the necessary measures to prevent the importation of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia. The Government of Liberia's complicity inthe RUF's illicit trade in diamonds and its other forms of support for the RUF are direct challenges to UnitedStates foreign policy objectives in the region as well as to the rule-based international order that is crucial to the peace andprosperity of the UnitedStates. Therefore, I find theseactions by the Government of Liberia contribute to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the UnitedStates described in Executive Order13194 with respect towhich the President declared a national emergency. In order to deal with that threat and to ensure further that the direct orindirect importation into the UnitedStates of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone will not contribute financial support to further aggressive actions by the RUF or to the RUF's procurementof weapons; to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution1343; and tocounteract, among other things, the Government of Liberia's facilitation of and participation in the RUF's illicit trade in diamonds through Liberia, I hereby order the following additional measures be taken with respect to prohibiting the importation of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone:

Section 1. Except to the extent provided in regulations, orders, directives, or licenses issued pursuant to this order, and notwithstanding the existence of any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by any international agreement or any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior tothe effective date of this order, the direct or indirect importation into the UnitedStates of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia, onor after the effective date of this order is prohibited.

Sec. 2. Any transaction by a UnitedStates person or withintheUnitedStates that evades or avoids,

or has the purpose ofevading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in this order is prohibited. Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibitions set forth inthis order is prohibited.

Sec. 3. The definitions contained in section 4 of Executive Order13194 apply to the terms used in this order.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation withthe Secretary of State, is hereby authorized to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, andto employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA andUNPA, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of thisorder. The Secretary of the Treasury may redelegate anyofthesefunctions to other officers and agencies of the UnitedStates Government. All agencies of the UnitedStates Government are hereby directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of this order, including modification, suspension, or termination of licenses orauthorizations in effect as of the date of this order.

Sec. 5. This order is not intended to create, nor does itcreate, any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the UnitedStates, its agencies, officers, or any other person.

Sec. 6. (a)This order is effective at 12:01a.m. eastern daylight time on May 23, 2001.

(b) This order shall be transmitted to the Congress and published in the Federal Register.

GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 22, 2001.